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[Report No. 100-417]

To amend the Public Health Service Act to revise the program of assistance for health maintenance organizations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WAXMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on August 7, 1987]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE, REFERENCE.***

4 *(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the*

5 *“Health Maintenance Organization Amendments of 1987”.*

1 (b) *REFERENCE.*—Whenever in this Act (other than in
2 section 6(a)) an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of
3 an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision,
4 the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or
5 other provision of the Public Health Service Act.

6 **SEC. 2. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE.**

7 Section 1301(a) (42 U.S.C. 300e(a)) is amended by
8 striking out “legal entity” and inserting in lieu thereof
9 “public or private entity which is organized under the laws of
10 any State and”.

11 **SEC. 3. DEDUCTIBLES.**

12 Section 1301(b)(1) (42 U.S.C. 300e(b)(1)) is amended
13 by adding after the second sentence the following: “If a
14 health maintenance organization offers to its members the op-
15 portunity to obtain basic health services through a physician
16 not described in subsection (b)(3)(A), the organization may
17 require, in addition to payments described in clause (D) of
18 this paragraph, a reasonable deductible to be paid by a
19 member when obtaining a basic health service from such a
20 physician.”.

21 **SEC. 4. PHYSICIAN SERVICES.**

22 (a) *GENERAL RULE.*—Section 1301(b)(3)(A) (42
23 U.S.C. 300e(b)(3)(A)) is amended by striking out “the serv-
24 ices of a physician which are provided as basic health serv-
25 ices shall be provided” and insert in lieu thereof “at least 90

1 percent of the services of a physician which are provided as
2 basic health services shall be provided".

3 (b) DUAL-CHOICE.—Section 1310(b) (42 U.S.C.
4 300e-9(b)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting before the
6 comma at the end the following: "and provides at least
7 90 percent of such services through physicians de-
8 scribed in section 1301(b)(3)(A)", and

9 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting before the
10 comma at the end the following: "and provides no more
11 than 10 percent of such services through physicians
12 who are not described in section 1301(b)(3)(A)".

13 SEC. 5. ORGANIZATION.

14 Paragraph (5) of section 1301(c) (42 U.S.C. 300e(c))
15 is repealed and paragraphs (6) through (9) are redesignated
16 as paragraphs (5) through (8), respectively.

17 SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.

18 (a) ORGAN TRANSPLANTS.—Subsection (b) of section
19 812 of the Health Maintenance Organization Amendments of
20 1986 (42 U.S.C. 300e-1 note) is repealed.

21 (b) COMMUNITY RATING.—The third sentence of sec-
22 tion 1302(8)(C) (42 U.S.C. 300e-1(8)(C)) is amended to
23 read as follows: "If a health maintenance organization is to
24 fix rates of payment for individuals and families by groups,
25 it shall—

1 “(i)(I) classify all of the members of the organization
2 into classes based on factors which the health
3 maintenance organization determines predict the differences
4 in the use of health services by the individuals or
5 families in each class and which have not been disapproved
6 by the Secretary,

7 “(II) determine its revenue requirements for providing services to the members of each class established
8 under subclause (I), and

10 “(III) fix the rates of payments for the individuals and families of a group on the basis of a composite of the organization’s revenue requirements determined under subclause (II) for providing services to them as members of the classes established under subclause (I), or

16 “(ii) fix the rates of payments for the individuals and families of a group on the basis of the organization’s revenue requirements for providing services to the group, except that the rates of payments for the individuals and families of a group of less than 100 persons may not be fixed at rates greater than 120 percent of the rate that would be fixed for such individuals and families under subparagraph (B) or clause (i) of this subparagraph.”.

1 SEC. 7. EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS.

2 (a) STATES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.—

3 (1) Section 1310(b) (42 U.S.C. 300e-9(b)) is
4 amended (A) by striking out "subject to subsection
5 (a)" and inserting in lieu thereof "or a State or politi-
6 cal subdivision", and (B) by striking out "employer
7 pursuant" and inserting in lieu thereof "employer or
8 State or political subdivision pursuant".

9 (2) Section 1310(c) (42 U.S.C. 300e-9(c)) is
10 amended by inserting "or State or political subdivi-
11 sion" after "employer" each place it occurs.

12 (b) DISCRIMINATION.—Section 1310(c) (42 U.S.C.
13 300e-9(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:
14 "If a health benefits plan offered by an employer or a State
15 or political subdivision includes contributions for services of-
16 fered under the plan, the employer or State or political subdivi-
17 sion shall make a contribution under the plan for services
18 offered by a qualified health maintenance organization in an
19 amount which does not financially discriminate against an
20 employee who enrolls in such organization. For purposes of
21 the preceding sentence, an employer's contribution does not
22 financially discriminate if the employer's method of deter-
23 mining the contributions on behalf of all employees is reason-
24 able and is designed to assure employees a fair choice among
25 health benefits plans.". "

1 SEC. 8. RESTRICTIVE STATE LAWS.

2 Section 1311(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 300e-10(a)(1)) is
3 amended by striking out “or” at the end of subparagraph
4 (C), by striking out “, and” at the end of subparagraph (D)
5 and inserting in lieu thereof “, or”, and by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 “(E) imposes requirements which would pro-
8 hibit the entity from complying with the require-
9 ments of this title, and”.

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